Fuller exploitation of agricultural research

2625. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only 30 per cent of the agricultural research has so far been commercially exploited; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken for the fuller commercial exploitation of agricultural research echivements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) It is a fact that on an average about 30 per cent of the agricultural technologies have been taken advantage of in field condition.

(b) There are several reasons for relatively slow absorption of agricultural technologies in field conditions. The more important of them are: (i) inadequate scientific management of farm technologies by the farmers; (ii) limited area under irrigation; (iii) scar resources of the farmers; (iv) limited supply of agricultural inputs and credits; (v) concentrated efforts on cereal crops vis-a-vis other crops; (vi) price support for limited crops; (vii) high risk in dryland farming areas; (viii) lack of insurance cover against input capital intensive technology and farming; and (ix) inadequate extension infrastructures.

Efforts are, however, being made to overcome the above limitations by the concerned Ministries/Departments/Institutions accelerating the pace of production.

Five point strategy for increasing oilseed production

2626. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have evolved a five point strategy to increase the oilseed production; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the steps being taken for its implementation

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) With a view to increase Oilseeds Production substantially, a Centrally Sponsored National Oilseeds Development Project is in operation since 1984-85 .Under this Project, the Crop and location specific approach through special projects has been extended to important oilseed crops, namely groundnut, rapeseed-mustard, soyabean and sunflower in potential States Besides special projects, the intensive approach has been extended to all the cultivated oilseed crops. The programme *inter-alia* aims at development of non-traditional oilseeds, increase in area under irrigated crops particularly groundnut during rabi/summer season, adoption of improved package of practices, supply of basic inputs and free distribution of seed and fertilizer minikits on a large scale.

Development of Mayur Vihar Colony Delhi

2627. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that civic amenities have not been developed in Mayur Vihar Colony, New Delhi; and

(b)if so, what remedial steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir. All civic amenities such as water supply, sewerage, roads, S.W. drains; shopping centres electricity are already existing in Mayur Vihar.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Development of river Ghagra in Uttar Pradesh

2628. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have made considerable investmnet for the development of river Ghagra in Uttar Pradesh;